

AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE

Please amend the Title as follows:

AXIAL FLOW BLOOD PUMP ~~IMPELLER~~

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 29 as follows:

U.S. Pat. No. 5,211,546--Isaacson et al., discloses an axial flow rotary blood pump wherein the impeller is only hydrodynamically suspended in the radial direction relative to the axis of rotation. Additionally, the pump disclosed therein includes a hub or spider to position the impeller. Hubs and spiders typically generate a location within the pump of blood flow stagnation. Locations or points of stagnation within the channel of blood flow should ~~not~~ be avoided to reduce the chance or likelihood of thrombogenesis or blood clots.